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1. U.S. COVERAGE.

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---"THE POWER OF MONEY" IS THE WESTERN ELECTORAL

PROCESS AND PARTY POLITICS IS THE SUBJECT OF AN ARTICLE

BY YURIY ZHEKOV IN PRAVDA. HE DESCRIBES HOW POLITICAL

PARTIES ARE SUBSIDIZED IN FRANCE, HOW JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

IV CAMPAIGNED IN WEST VIRGINIA, HOW SOUTH KOREANS FUNDED

AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, AND OTHER EXAMPLES.

--- A TASS ACCOUNT (PRAVDA KZ) OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE MILITARY BUDGET, INCLUDING HIS POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION ON THE FATE OF THE B-1 BOMBER PROJECT. THE PRESIDENT IS PORTRAYED AS AVOIDING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE U.S. INFLUENCE IS STRONG, AND AS DEFENDING THE CIA AND ITS OPERATIONS.

--- AN ARTICLE BY V. APARIN AND M. MIKHAYLOV IN IZVESTIYA PROVIDES UNFLATTERING PORTRAIT OF RL AND RFE STAFF MEMBERS, AGAIN LINKS DISSIDENTS TO STATIONS AS PAID INFORMERS, AND CRITICIZES A PLANNED MOVE BY RL CULTURAL SECTION FROM MUNICH TO PARIS AS CALCULATED TO HARM SOVIET-FRENCH RELATIONS (SEPTTEL).

--- BRIEF ITEMS INCLUDE: THE RELEASE OF HOWARD HUNT FROM PRISON, WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY LED A SOFT LIFE, UNLIKE THE HARD LOT OF IMPRISONED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS (IZVESTIYA KZ); THE FAILURE OF CARTER-TRUDEAU TALKS TO ELIMINATE CONTRADICTIONS AND STRESSED IN U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS (PR); RECOMMENDATION BY CONGRESSMAN JAMES BINGHAM AFTER A VISIT TO CUBA THAT THE U.S. LIFT ITS EMBARGO ON U.S.- CUBAN TRADE (PR KZ); THE DISCLOSURE THAT ISRAEL RECEIVED CIA MONEY FOR USE IN AFRICA (PR).

2. GENERAL.

---IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT V. KOBYSH WRITES FROM NEW YORK THAT OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IN U.S. MILITARY-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ARE LINKING ARMS CONTROL WITH CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN A "FALSE AND DANGEROUS" SCHEME. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE REPLAYS KENNAN, HARSCH, ET AL ON DANGERS TO SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN PURSUING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. KZ COMMENTATORYU. KORNILOV COMMENTS ON ISSUE AND SAYS, INTER ALIA, THAT DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS CAN OPERATE ONLY ON PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE. BOTH ARTICLES AVOID DIRECT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY BUT REFER TO EXTREMELY HIGHLY PLACED PERSONS (SEPTTEL).

--- IZVESTIYA CARRIES REPORT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECREE ON THE SOVIET UNION'S 200 NAUTICAL MILES FISHING ZONE. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE ZONE WILL TAKE EFFECT ON MARCH 1 AND WILL APPLY ONLY TO THE PACIFIC AND ARCTIC OCEANS, AND IT SPELLS OUT THE LIMITS OF THE SOVIET ZONE WHERE IT WOULD OVERLAP WITH THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE

STATEMENT EXPLICITLY ACCEPTS THE LINE SPECIFIED IN THE
RUSSIAN-AMERICAN CONVENTION OF 1867 TO COVER THE AREA
NEAR ALASKA.

3. EUROPE.

--- PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN DENOUNCES
FRG ATTEMPTS TO INTEGRATE WEST BERLIN INTO FRG, CITING
RECENT VISITS BY FRG OFFICIALS TO BERLIN AS PROOF FRG
NOT OBSERVING QA. NO MENTION OF EC ISSUE OR OF
ALLIED RIGHTS, EXCEPT USUAL ASSERTION THAT QA APPLIES
ONLY TO WEST BERLIN.

--- TASS-VIENNA REPORTS ON MBFR WEEKLY PLENARY
BY NOTING ONE YEAR SINCE EASTERN INITIATIVE WITHOUT
WESTERN RESPONSE.

--- PRAVDA RECORDS 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRAGUE
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COUP WITH LENGTHY, BUT UNNOTEWORTHY, COVERAGE.

--- CRITICISM OF SPAIN CONTINUES IN IZVESTIYA
FOR FAILURE TO LEGALIZE CPE.

4. MIDDLE EAST.

--- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE ON
DANGEROUS SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON DUE TO ISRAELI
MILITARY AGGRESSION IN REGION IN COMPANY OF ARMED
DETACHMENTS OF LOCAL RIGHTIST FORCES.

---PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY SHORT ARTICLES
ON CONGRESS OF "SO-CALLED" ISRAELI LABOR PARTY. RABIN'S
RIVALRY WITH PERES IS POLITICALLY MEANINGLESS, ACCORDING
TO ARTICLES, SINCE BOTH OPPOSE CHANGES IN ISRAELI POLICY
TOWARD PALESTINIANS AND TOWARD OCCUPATION OF ARAB
TERRITORIES SEIZED IN 1967.

5. AFRICA.

--- PRAVDA REPORTS OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
CONDEMNATION OF "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION" AGAINST BENIN.

--- PRAVDA HAS CRITICAL TASS LUSAKA ARTICLE
AND "COLUMNIST'S OPINION" BY V. TYURKIN ON SMITH REGIME'S
"LIBERALIZATION" OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWS IN AGRICULTURAL
SPHERE. PURPOSE, SAYS TYURKIN, IS TO CREATE FACORABLE
CONDITIONS FOR "SO-CALLED INTERNAL SOLUTION."

6. LATIN AMERICA.

--- KZ HAS SHORT TASS PANAMA NOTE ON "DEAD END"
IN U.S. - PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS OVER CANAL ZONE DUE TO U.S.
INTRASIGENCE.
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